

June 2010

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
Parks and Rec...... 801-955-4000
Harman Home 801-965-5822

Garbage Questions 801-955-3720

Stonebridge Golf Course......801-957-9000

West Ridge Golf Course.....

801-965-5800

Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467

Animal Services..... 801-965-5800

Victims Services 801-963-3223

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Ordinance Compliance801-963-3289

Utah Cultural Celebration Center 801-965-5100

Website: www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall 3600 S. Constitution Blvd. WVC, UT 84119

> City Hall Hours: Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

An Automobile Society

A Message from Council Member Carolynn Burt

The automobile has always been a tremendous economic engine to the USA. Owning a car is a privilege, and a big responsibility. We must obtain a license to drive, keep it up, gas it up, insure it, license it, obey the laws, and equally important, we must park it where it doesn't infringe on our neighbor's property rights and interfere with the safety of the neighborhood.

Cars parked up and down a narrow residential street are a real safety hazard as a driver exiting his/her driveway cannot see oncoming traffic for parked cars. People driving on residential roads do not have a clear picture of the activities going on in front yards ahead of them, and children often dart out from between parked cars going after balls, pets, etc.

Most complaints I hear from my constituents are about neighbors parking automobiles in their yards and on narrow neighborhood streets. Most homes in our city have double garages and double cement driveways. I am asking everyone to please look at the number of cars you have. Clean your garage and park your cars in it, and in your driveway; arrange the parking for first car out each day. If you own a boat, trailers, etc., park them properly on cement pads or better yet, rent a storage unit for the seasons you don't use them

West Valley City has doubled the number of ordinance enforcement officers serving our city to help stem the problem of improperly parked cars among other issues. Several cities have ordinances that prohibit parking cars on residential streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00a.m. Do we want that? Citizens, please manage your autos in a responsible manner. If not voluntarily done, we will establish more rules to protect the majority of the citizens of our city. We now have the manpower to manage that protection.

We love our cars. Many of us will try to hold on to old "junker" cars waiting to get the money to fix them up as collector's items. Few of us ever will! We must adjust our thinking about cars, as our city continues to grow and family living units and lifestyles change. Public transit is getting better and we will benefit from using this safe and inexpensive way to get around.

Let's all look at what we are doing and try to be part of the solution!

Emergency 72-Hour Kit

Emergencies can happen at the least opportune time and can cut you off from what you need most in the emergency. Plan now to gather these basic supplies while you have the time and practice using them. If you want, you may call this a 72-hour pack. Make one for each member of your family and place them where each member can "grab and run."



- Flashlights battery operated or the new shake or wind up
- First Aid Supplies
- Emergency Radio battery operated or wind up one or two for the family will do
- Extra Batteries as needed
- Protective Clothing (gloves, boots, etc.)
- Food, Water, Prescription Medications, etc.
- Special Items (For Infants, Elderly, Pets, Etc.)
- Any other items you may think of that would be necessary for the first few days

POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

America's night out against crime!

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

SAVE THE DATE!

Register your neighborhood

block party now.

www.wvc-ut.gov/nno



West Bench Salt Lake County

August 20-21

West Valley City

Centennial Park

Become a sponsor! Create a team! Join a team!

more information available at www.relayforlife.org/ westbenchut

or contact Dustin Roethel dustin.roethel@cancer.org (801) 493-4730

West Valley City Arts Council Presents

PETER PAN

Utah Cultural Celebration Center

8:00 pm, June 23-26, 28, 29

www.CulturalCelebration.org



General Admission

all amphitheater seating

\$5.00 per person

\$20.00 family



Who's Teaching Our Children About Drugs and Alcohol?



Santa Claus is the greatest cause of juvenile delinquency! I once had a college professor start a class lecture using this line. Needless to say everybody in the class woke up and started paying attention to what the professor had to say. The professor started out by saying, "Our children learn the truth about a lot of things from their friends not us." Case in point; Santa Claus! We spend their first five to seven years of our young child's life telling them about Santa Claus coming from the North Pole (where he lives with Mrs. Clause and all their helpers) to bring all of the kids in the world toys and presents. We tell them that Santa keeps a list of those who are naughty and nice. If you are good you get a present and if you aren't you get a lump of coal in your stocking. The professor went on to explain in great detail his delinquency theory with Santa as the culprit. This topic created quite a stir, discussion and debate in the class, which is what the teacher intended.

The idea that he was trying to get across was where do our children learn the truth about important things in their lives? Their friends! Their friends tell them that there is no Santa. Their friends teach them about sex. Their friends teach them about alcohol, drugs and a lot of other things that are important in a young child's life. Ironically our children go to their friends for important advice and not us!

I have had the opportunity to teach the DARE program in West Valley City for the past five years. It has been a humbling experience to say the least. I have been a police officer for almost 18 years for West Valley City. Before I worked for the City, I worked in Youth Corrections for 13 years. I worked with juveniles in a lock up facility. From individual, group, and family counseling I learned that children are like sponges. They will soak up most things that they hear, see and are told. Whether they listen to it or not is a whole different story! Life is about choice. We still have our free agency to choose which path we will go down.

As a DARE Officer I have the opportunity to teach your children about drugs and alcohol. This is a program is offered to the 5th graders in most schools across the nation. I am always amazed of how much these kids know at the tender age of ten or eleven. They know much more than I did when I was their age. I always start out on the first lesson by asking them, "Who is going to tempt you to use drugs and alcohol, friends or strangers?" Every 5th grade class answers this question the same way, "STRANGERS!" Again here is another truth that they learn from someone besides their parents. I tell them that it won't be a stranger it will be

someone that they know. I even have them turn and look at the members in their class and tell them, "It will be someone you know. Probably someone you go to school with."

They always get a strange look of confusion on their face. Once they finish the DARE curriculum they have a much better understanding of this concept. I also spend a lot of time talking about who is in charge of their life. About choice! They understand if they choose to use drugs or drink alcohol and smoke before the legal age that they are responsible and accountable for their actions. They made that choice. I tie choice into playing a video action game. I ask the kids what happens to their character if they are in a battle and they don't pick up a weapon to defend themselves. They all say, "We die." I have the kids stand up and put up their hands as if they were defending themselves and then I ask them, "Who is in charge of your life?" They yell out, "I AM."

So how do we help our children understand the effects drugs and alcohol can have on them. We as parents have to somehow figure out how to listen to our children so we can teach our kids what they need to know about this subject that touches so many. I say listen because we as parents aren't good listeners. We are good lecturers! I speak from firsthand experience. I wasn't a good listener for my kids.

Get involved in your children's lives. Invest in them. Get them into baseball, football, basketball, band, choir, and whatever else they show an interest in. If you don't spend those few hundreds of dollars on these extra curricular activities, you will be spending thousands of dollars on a drug, alcohol, or behavior treatment program.

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities 4090 South 3600 West

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The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

June

- 16 Tooele Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- 17 Ice Cream (by Beehive Homes), 10:30 a.m.
- **17** Father's Day Celebration, 1 2:30 p.m.
- **18** Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.
- 21 Movie Monday
- 22 Klowns at Draper, 11 a.m.
- 23 Time Steppers Entertainment, 11 a.m.
- 25 Art Festival, Noon
- 28 Bee's Baseball, 6 p.m.
- **30** Beau Jest Movie (at center), 1 p.m.

For a complete calendar, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/harman.

Weekly Activities

Sign Language - Mondays, 10 a.m.

Chess Club – Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Line Dancing - Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Ceramics – Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., FREE

Bingo – Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

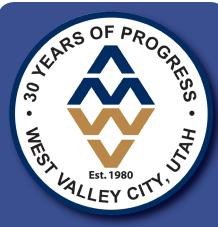
Drama Class – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Billiards and Cards - Daily

Making Life Better

West Valley City offers a bulky waste program to help residents dispose of items that are too bulky to place in the standard garbage containers. Save yourself a trip to the dump by placing bulky items at the curb for pickup once a month. For more information on bulky waste and when your pickup day is each month please visit www.wvc-ut.gov/sanitation.





Calendar

June

- 1 High Desert Splash
 Watercolor Exhibit
 (through June 28)
 Utah Cultural Celebration
 Center
- 1 Native Voices of
 Mexico Exhibit
 (through June 28)
 Utah Cultural Celebration
 Center
- 19 Utah Blaze vs. Tampa Bay Storm The E Center, 7 p.m.
- 23 Peter Pan (\$5 per person; \$20 per family) (through June 26)
 Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 24 WestFest (through June 27) Cintennial Park
- 25 WestFest 5K
 Family Fitness Center,
 7:30 a.m.
- 28 Peter Pan (\$5 per person; \$20 per family) (through June 29)
 Utah Cultural Celebration Center

July

- 2 Utah Blaze vs. Milwaukee Iron
 The E Center, 7 p.m.
- WordStage Free Concert –
 Utah Symphony
 Utah Cultural Celebration
 Center, 8:30 p.m.
- 9 Utah Blaze vs. Jacksonville Sharks The E Center, 7 p.m.
- 10 Justin Bieber My World
 Tour
 The E Center, 7 p.m.
- 12 WorldStage Free Concert

 NaDrua

 Utah Cultural Celebration
 Center, 8:30 p.m.
- 19 WorldStage Free Concert

 Latin Jazz Factory

 Utah Cultural Celebration
 Center, 8:30 p.m.
- 19 Days of '47 Rodeo (through July 24) The E Center, 7 p.m.

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